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1. Circular fuel tanks. There were about 10 but by now [1959] there are probably 12 of them. The tanks were lined with concrete and were partially above ground, about one to two meters. Each tank pumped fuel electrically through four hoses which could be attached to gasoline trucks. These trucks transported gasoline to the airplanes. Each tank measured about 10 meters in diameter and about 10 meters deep. Underground pipelines ran from these tanks to the center of the airfield between the two runways. Airplanes could be fueled from there. The tanks were filled with gasoline through pipes which ran from a fuel control building (Number Five).

2. Two-lane concrete road.

3. Grass surface.

4. Two-lane concrete road. It ran completely around the airport and was level with the ground.

5. Fuel control building. This was a one-story building, made of reinforced concrete. This was the center for the electrically controlled mechanism which fed gasoline from trucks through pipelines to the storage tanks. The trucks delivering gasoline backed up to the wall of this building. Connections which protruded from the building were attached to the trucks. Four trucks could be emptied here at the same time, two on each side of the building. The structure

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was about 30 meters long and five meters wide. The entire operation was fully automatic and was operated by one man.

6. Fuel administration building. This was a one-story structure of reinforced concrete with flat roof. It was about 30 meters x 8-10 meters. Only Soviet personnel were allowed in this building. Not even Hungarian military personnel could enter it.

7. Soviet military guardhouse. This was a one-story concrete building with flat roof.

8. Gate. At least one guard with a submachine gun was on duty 24 hours a day.

9. Wire fence which was $2\frac{1}{2}$ meters high.

a. Concrete wall, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ meters high.

10. Messhall and club for enlisted men. This was a one-story concrete building with flat roof. It was about 60 meters x 20 meters. The officers' club was located in the city of Papa.

11. Quarters for enlisted men. These were modern four-story buildings, about 100 meters x 40 meters.

12. Quarters for enlisted men. The dimensions were substantially the same as Number 11. The buildings on the drawing are generally in proportion.

13. Garages. This structure consisted of two walls and a roof. Two of the sides were open. The roof was flat and was covered with slate [sic]. The garages were very large. All the vehicles used at the airfield were kept here.

14. Hangars. These buildings were constructed of corrugated metal. The ends of the structures were open. Hangars could be connected and planes could run through from one to the other. Small training planes were kept there.

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15. Command headquarters. This was the longest building on the field and was a modern four-story structure. The office space was inadequate for the Soviet administrative personnel, so the Soviets utilized another building as an extension of their headquarters.

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a. This building was taken over by the Soviets for additional office space. All matters pertaining to personnel were handled here.

16. Control tower. This building was twice as high as any other structure in the vicinity. It was circular and was built of transparent plastic type material. A radar antenna rotated on top.

17. Searchlights. Possibly more have been installed since 1956 because they are very easy to set up.

18. Cement standing pads for jet fighter planes. All the pads were occupied and every plane was manned 24 hours a day. The pilot stayed near his plane.

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19. [redacted] the runways [redacted]
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20. Barracks with underground garage for vehicles. This was a one-story structure made of concrete with a flat roof.

21. Ammunition and explosives were stored here. It was one story above the ground and had a one-story basement. The building was not fenced in. A guard was constantly on duty.

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